

Frederic William Wile, in Recent Book, Tells of Propaganda to Upset Policy of Neutrality

standards from the Kaiser? Nothing
career. Did the Verband der Kegel-
verehne want a Kaiser prize for the

A cartoon by Sir Philip Burne-Jones, after Albert Durer: "Melancholia Germanica."

Benjamin Franklin's
Little Corps of Nine
Post Riders in 1775
Now an Army of
300,000 Employees

UST 140 years ago to-morrow the American postal system, which now stretches from the Atlantic to the Pacific over a close meshed net of fast mail routes, had its birth as a helping service along a narrow strip of the Eastern seacoast. Its fastest transportation agency a galloping horse.

The anniversary, which has gone begging for recognition for nearly a century and a half, will be made more important by its significance in making possible a national consciousness and a national spirit, and few of the millions of Americans who will make use of the postal service to-morrow will know the significance of the day. But to those familiar with postal history the date recalls each year the striking contrasts between facilities and methods of the early days and those of the present. This will be a more emphatic reminder of the differences than ever before because of the far reaching innovations that are about to be made in the service.

The private mail system that was taken over on July 26, 1775, by Postmaster Benjamin Franklin consisted of thirty post offices, nine post riders and a slow schooner line to Atlantic coast system. July 26, 1915, finds the same system with 15,000 post offices and 300,000 employees, transportation of mail by express trains and over a few experimental routes

with well appointed railway post offices that make possible the sorting of the mail during its five hour trip. And now of whatever class the mail

a few doves around him, but most of the doves seemed to find the tall young man the greater attraction.

the postmaster general when it became a function of the Government, 140 years

Thirty Post Offices Then While Now Uncle Sam's Mail Is Handled Through 56,000 Different Stations

first step toward the ultimate elimination of the horse as a factor in mail distribution even in the ~~country districts~~.

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